

Syracuse, Feb. 19. 1846. —

My Dear Friend. —

Your favor of Jan. 9th came to hand to day — I turned immediately to my account book, and found as I expected that the money was paid soon after it was borrowed. I find it at full length under date of Jan 9th 1845. But whether I paid it directly to the treasurer or to some one for the treasurer does not appear upon my book. My recollection is that I paid it at your house — either to yourself or to your sister, with the request that my note might be destroyed. But this was so careless and improper a way of doing business, that I deserve to suffer. If therefore neither Caroline nor yourself, nor any one else, has any recollection of the fact, let me know it — and I will pay the sum again. — At the same time I paid you for a copy of the Liberty Bell, which I wished to present to the wife of my friend Geo. B. Emerson. —

I have not yet seen a copy of the Liberty Bell — and have become quite impatient for it. My son has delayed his coming much beyond my expectation. He is reluctant, as we all were to leave, to leave Massachusetts — and we know not how to blame him for lingering about the places and persons, he has known & loved there. — I presume he will bring me the copy you have kindly designed for me. —

As to my article, I presume you have taken out of it all that deserved printing - but after I have seen what extracts you have made I will determine what you shall do with the rest. The value of the whole (if it had any) was somewhat dependent upon the occasion which called it out - so much so indeed that as it was not published at the time I hesitated whether to give it to the public at all. —

I have no doubt I can dispose of 1/2 dozen copies of the Liberty Bell here - please send them to me immediately by the Express, with prices &c &c — and if there be any thing lately published, be kind enough to let me have it under the same envelope. It is I assure you sad to feel oneself so far away from Boston. —

We have had a large gathering of abolitionists here to day & yesterday. Gerritt Smith, Wm Woodell, Beniah Green, Amos A Phelps, ^{Alvan Stewart} J. C. Jackson - the prominent ones. The object of their meeting has been to consider the doings & Report of the Board of C. F. Missions. And they certainly have struck a tremendous blow. The address, prepared by A. A. Phelps, is a very able document - and gives such an expose of the corruption of the Board - as ought to destroy all confidence in them. There has been some plain dealing here. I wish you could have heard all that has been said, with your anointed ears. The report will be a full one and I will send you a copy as also of the address.

Tomorrow there are to be two political meetings here - one called by the Liberty Party - the

other by a number of persons of all parties, comprising quite a number of the Liberty Party. - The object of the one is to see whether the Liberty Party men will not vote for men of other parties who will pledge themselves to go for the right of Suffrage to the colored man. The object of the other meeting will be to hold the Liberty Party to a strict Party vote - let the consequences be what they may to the colored man. - Gerritt Smith, Benjamin Green, Wm Goodell are for this last named course. Aaron Sturges, Silas Hawley are for the other course. - The collision will be a severe one. - I am so disgusted with political partyism, that I can hardly bear to go into a meeting of politicians. - But I shall attend the Convention called irrespective of party - that I may see whether any thing can be consistently done to help the colored men to the attainment of equal political rights. -

Please give my love to your sisters -

Yours with great regard

Samuel J. May -

Be so kind as to give the enclosed receipt from Hiram Willson to Br Garrison, from whom I received to day \$22.00 for Mr Willson. -

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